GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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MAINTENANCE OF ROADS UNDER PMGSY
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the provisions made for maintenance of rural roads constructed under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY);

(b) whether funds are not being spent properly for the purpose in some States and several roads constructed under the scheme are in bad state;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the corrective steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN `ADITYA`)

(a): As per guidelines, roads constructed under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) are covered by 5 year maintenance contract along with the construction contract, with the same contractor, as per Standard Bidding Document. Maintenance fund to service the contract is to be budgeted by the State Government and placed at the disposal of the State Rural Roads Development Agency (SRRDA) in a separate maintenance account.

(b): Yes, Sir.

(c): National Quality Monitors (NQMs) have inspected 5,421 roads between December, 2007 and April, 2009 and it was found that 32% of the roads were not maintained properly.Some of the reasons for inadequate maintenance of roads are indicated below:-

Inadequate allocation of funds at the disposal of SRRDA for carrying out regular maintenance.

Absence of systematic approach to maintenance management.

(d): Responsibility for maintenance of PMGSY roads is vested with the States. The State Governments have been advised to place the requisite funds at the disposal of SRRDA every year for maintenance. Quarterly Report on funds received and spent on maintenance to be furnished to the Ministry.

An interactive workshop was held with all States in April, 2009 to focus on the issues related to maintenance of PMGSY roads.